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AN ORDINANCE

NOMINATING THE LA QUINTA INN & SUITES PROJECT, LOCATED ON ELM STREET, WITHIN THE CITY 'S FEDERAL EMPOWERMENT ZONE AND "INNER CITY" TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER 11, TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (TXED) AS A "STATE ENTERPRISE ZONE PROJECT."

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WHEREAS, the State Enterprise Zone Program is an economic development tool that allows communities to partner with the State in promoting development in economically distressed areas; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio administers three state designated Enterprise Zones which allow designated businesses to receive a refund of up to \$1.25 million in state sales and use taxes paid on labor and materials for renovations or construction, as well as on electricity and natural gas consumed in the normal course of business; and

WHEREAS, to qualify for the above incentives, a business must locate within an enterprise zone and fill twenty-five percent (25%) of all new jobs with either zone residents or economically disadvantaged individuals; and

WHEREAS, the City can nominate six (6) enterprise projects per state biennium and has four projects available for designation; and

WHEREAS, La Quinta, Inc. is proposing to construct a La Quinta Inn & Suites (the "Project") in the City's Downtown Business District on Elm Street near Interstate Highway 37 and Bowie; and

WHEREAS, the Project supports the City 's Strategic Plan for Enhanced Economic Development by leveraging the targeted industry of tourism and promoting revitalization in a targeted area of the community; and

WHEREAS, La Quinta anticipates creating 30 to 40 new jobs in addition to the 30 jobs that will be retained and nomination of the Project for Enterprise Zone Designation will encourage La Quinta to specifically provide employment opportunities for inner-city residents and economically disadvantaged individuals; **NOW THEREFORE:**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. An Ordinance nominating the La Quinta Inn & Suites Project, located within the City's federal Empowerment Zone and the "Inner City" Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone #11, to the Texas Department of Economic Development (TxED) as a "State Enterprise Zone Project," which, if approved by the State, will qualify La Quinta for state sales tax and use tax refunds and franchise tax credits based on job creation investment is hereby authorized.

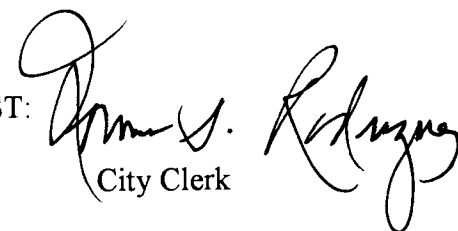
SECTION 2. The City Manager or her designee, is hereby authorized, for a period of sixty (60) days following the effective date of this Ordinance, to execute any and all documents deemed necessary by the City Attorney's Office to nominate the La Quinta Inn & Suites Project as a State Enterprise Zone Project.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be effective on and after the tenth day after passage hereof.

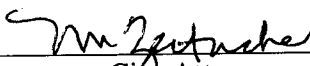
PASSED AND APPROVED this 31st day of October 2002.


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ATTEST:


City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


for City Attorney